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Termination of the services of Hindi Pandits in High schools in Tiruchirappalli district.

* 226 *Q.*—Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Hindi Pandits sent out of the various High schools in the Tiruchirappalli district in July and August 1954;

(*b*) the number of such Pandits with a service of over two years in the same school; and

(*c*) the reasons given by the Agencies for such termination of service?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) 7, Sir.

" (*b*) 6, Sir.

" (*c*) All the seven teachers did not possess the prescribed qualifications."

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, is it a fact that the seven teachers who were sent out were from the District Board schools? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is correct, Sir."

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I know Sir, why these teachers were sent out in the middle of the year when they could not get employment anywhere else and without sufficient notice? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have no idea. It is a District Board School. We do not know whether they were sent out in the middle of the academic year or at the end of it. They had been employed on a temporary basis till properly qualified pandits were available."

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" As there are sufficient provisions in the rules—which are also applicable to the District Board schools—which enable the management to depute the pandits for the Pracharak Diploma training and not throw them out of service, will the Government issue instructions to the local bodies and aided schools to see to it that such persons are sent for training and not removed from service because trained men are available? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The District Boards should have a certain amount of autonomy. They should be able to decide what they could do in such cases. We have prescribed the qualifications and it should be left to the District Boards whether to send the teachers for training or to recruit already trained candidates."

Progress of the Manimuthar Project.

* 227 *Q.*—Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to lay on the table of the House a detailed statement showing the progress of the Manimuthar Project and the expenditure incurred thereon so far?